

1           1. In a device having one or more electronic program guide (EPG) loaders  
2 enabling the device to receive EPG data from one or more EPG sources, a method for  
3 interfacing the one or more EPG loaders with a database associated with the device, the  
4 method comprising the steps of:

5                     calling a function of a writer module operating at the device that collects the  
6 EPG data from the EPG loaders and that stores the EPG data in the database; and  
7                     executing the function by the writer module.

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9           2. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises AudioSubChannel  
10 having parameters comprising languageCode, isMainAudioService, isDolbyEncoded, and  
11 programType.

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13           3. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
14 AudioSubChannelForScheduleEntry having parameters comprising scheduleDataID and  
15 audioDataID.

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17           4. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
18 CategorizationSystems having parameters comprising categorizationSystemName and  
19 systemDataID.

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21           5. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises CategoryPair having  
22 parameters comprising systemDataID, categoryName, subCategoryName, and  
23 categorypairDataID.

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6. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises CategoryForProgram having parameters comprising programDataID and categoryPairDataID.

7. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises Channel having parameters comprising serviceRecordID, channel, network, station, description, channelType, startSeconds, and channelDataID.

8. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises ClearAll.

9. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises ClearChannels.

10. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises ClearPrograms.

11. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises ClearScheduleEntries.

12. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteAudioSubChannel having parameter audioDataID.

13. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteCategorizationSystem having parameter systemDataID.

14. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteCategoryPair having parameters comprising systemDataID, categoryName, and subCategoryName.

1 15. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteChannel  
2 having parameters comprising channelObject and propertyName.

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4 16. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises Delete  
5 PropertyForProgram having parameters comprising programObject and propertyName.

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7 17. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
8 DeletePropertyForScheduleEntry having parameters comprising scheduleEntryObject and  
9 propertyName.

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11 18. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
12 DeletePropertyForWeblink having parameters comprising weblinkObject and  
13 propertyName.

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15 19. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteScheduleEntry  
16 having parameter scheduleEntryObject.

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18 20. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteSharingDay  
19 having parameter sharingDayDataID.

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21 21. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
22 DeleteVideoSubChannel having parameter videoDataID.

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1 22. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises DeleteWeblink  
2 having parameter weblinkObject.

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4 23. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
5 EnableDuplicateChecking having parameter preventDuplicates.

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7 24. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises Program having  
8 parameters comprising programTitle, programDescription, yearMade, seconds, and  
9 programDataID.

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11 25. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises PropertyForChannel  
12 having parameters comprising channelDataID, name, and value.

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14 26. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises PropertyForProgram  
15 having parameters comprising programDataID, name, and value.

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17 27. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
18 PropertyForScheduleEntry having parameters comprising scheduleEntryDataID, name, and  
19 value.

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21 28. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises PropertyForWeblink  
22 having parameters comprising weblinkDataID, name, and value.

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1 29. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
2 PurchaseStringForScheduleEntry having parameters comprising scheduleEntryDataID and  
3 purchaseString.

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5 30. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises RatingForProgram  
6 having parameters comprising programDataID and ratingCode.

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8 31. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
9 RemoveOldScheduleEntriesAndPrograms having parameter beforeThisTime.

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11 32. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises ScheduleEntry  
12 having parameters comprising eventID, channelDataID, startTime, endTime, cc, rerun,  
13 videoDataID, audioDataID, and scheduleEntryDataID.

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15 33. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises SharingDay having  
16 parameters comprising startDay, startTime, endDay, endTime, and pSharingDataID.

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18 34. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
19 SharingDayForChannel having parameters comprising channelDataID, and sharingDataID.

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21 35. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises UpdateComplete.  
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1           36. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises VideoSubChannel  
2 having parameters comprising language, aspectRatio, videoSourceHeight,  
3 videoSourceWidth, squarePixel, componentType, streamed, and videoDataID.

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5           37. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
6 VideoSubChannelForScheduleEntry having parameters comprising scheduleEntryDataID,  
7 and videoDataID.

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9           38. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises Weblink having  
10 parameters comprising url, description, startTime, endTime, and pweblinkDataID.

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12           39. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises WeblinkForChannel  
13 having parameters comprising channelDataID, and weblinkDataID.

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15           40. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises WeblinkForProgram  
16 having parameters comprising programDataID, and weblinkDataID.

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18           41. A method as in claim 1, wherein the function comprises  
19 WeblinkForScheduleEntry having parameters comprising scheduleEntryDataID, and  
20 weblinkDataID.

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22           42. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for  
23 performing the steps recited in claim 1.

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43. In a device having electronic program guide (EPG) data from one or more EPG data sources stored in a database associated with the device, a method for interfacing the EPG data stored in the database with one or more applications operating at the device, the method comprising the steps of:

calling a function of a control module operating at the device that accesses the database to retrieve the EPG data and transmits the EPG data to the one or more applications; and  
executing the function by the control module.

44. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises CategorizationSystems having parameter psystems.

45. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises DataEndTime having parameter endTime.

46. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises HighestDataStartTime having parameter startTime.

47. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises IsAnyDataAvailable having parameter dataAvailable.

48. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises IsChannelDataAvailable having parameter channelDataAvailable.

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1 49. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises RatingSystems  
2 having parameter systems.

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4 50. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises AvailableChannels  
5 having parameter channels.

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7 51. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
8 CancelCategoryEventRequest.

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10 52. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
11 CancelChannelEventRequest.

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13 53. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
14 CancelRangeEventRequest.

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16 54. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises Categories having  
17 parameters comprising categorizationSystemName and categories.

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19 55. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
20 ChannelsForProviderNetworkName having parameters comprising searchString,  
21 substringMatch and channels.



1           56. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
2 ChannelsForNumber having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time and  
3 channels.

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5           57. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
6 ChannelsForProviderName having parameters comprising searchString, substringMatch,  
7 and channels.

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9           58. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
10 IsScheduleDataAvailable having parameters comprising startTime, endTime and  
11 scheduleDataAvailable.

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13           59. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises Program having  
14 parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time and program.

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16           60. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ProgramEndTime  
17 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time, and endTime.

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19           61. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ProgramLength  
20 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time, and seconds.

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22           62. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ProgramRating  
23 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time, ratingSystem, and rating.  
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1 63. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ProgramStartTime  
2 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time, and startTime.

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4 64. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ProgramTitle  
5 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time, and title.

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7 65. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
8 RequestCategoryUpdateEvent.

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10 66. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
11 RequestChannelUpdateEvent

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13 67. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
14 RequestRangeUpdateEvent having parameters comprising startTime, and endTime.

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16 68. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ScheduleEntries  
17 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, startTime, endTime, and  
18 scheduleEntries.

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20 69. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
21 ScheduleEntriesForCategories having parameters comprising categorizationSystem,  
22 categories, startTime, endTime, maxHits, and scheduleEntries.

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1 70. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
2 ScheduleEntriesForProgramProperty having parameters comprising name, value, startTime,  
3 endTime, maxHits, and scheduleEntries.

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5 71. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
6 ScheduleEntriesForProperty having parameters comprising name, value, startTime,  
7 endTime, maxHits, and scheduleEntries.

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9 72. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises  
10 ScheduleEntriesForStrings having parameters comprising searchStrings, substringMatch,  
11 findTitle, findDescription, startTime, endTime, maxHits, and scheduleEntries.

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13 73. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises ScheduleEntry  
14 having parameters comprising serviceSpace, channel, time, and scheduleEntry.

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16 74. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises SubCategories  
17 having parameters comprising categorizationSystemName, categoryIndex, and  
18 subCategories.

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20 75. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises OnCategoryUpdate.

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22 76. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises OnChannelUpdate.

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24 77. A method as in claim 43, wherein the function comprises OnRangeUpdate.

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78. A computer readable medium having computer executable instructions for performing the steps recited in claim 43.